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SUBJ: SC PRESIDENT FACIO MEETS WITH AMB BENNETT ON

CYPRUS, KOREA AND SOUTH AFRICA

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT ACCOMPANIED BY MISOFFS, CALLED ON SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FACIO AT LATTER'S REQUEST ON MARCH 1 AT 11:30 A.M. DURING DAY FACIO WOULD BE RECEIVING NUMBER OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING GREEKS, CYPRIOTS, TURKS, AND BRITISH. FACIO HAD LATEST DRAFT OF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS (USUN 0632). HE COMMENTED THAT UN SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE HAD SAID BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH SIDES ACCEPTED DRAFT.

2. AMBASSADOR BENNETT EXPLAINED OUR IMPRESSION THAT GREEKS AND TURKS BOTH HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS AS TO DRAFT IN PRESENT FORM. GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS WERE STILL INSISTING ON MENTION OF "REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS" IN DRAFT. TURKS WOULD NOT

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BE SATISFIED WITH PARAGRAPH CALLING FOR SECRETARY

GENERAL'S PERSONAL ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THIS WOULD BE WAY OF ENSURING THAT TALKS WOULD BE HELD IN NYC, AND TURKS DO NOT WANT TALKS HERE BECAUSE OF INFLUENCE OF GREEK LOBBY AND OTHER REASONS. ADDITIONALLY TURKS WOULD WANT TERMS OF REFERENCE REGARDING ROLE OF ANY GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL TO BE VERY PRECISE AND LIMITING. NEVERTHELESS, AMBASSADOR BENNETT SAW SOME PROGRESS TOWARD MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DRAFT LEADING TO RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON CYPRUS. HE POINTED TO THIS AS EVIDENCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE WAY WHICH SECURITY COUNCIL IS GOING ABOUT CURRENT DEBATE.

3. ON KOREA, FACIO AGREED WITH OUR OBSERVATION THAT THIS WAS NOT THE TIME FOR AN INITIATIVE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE INDICATED HE HAD INFORMATION THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD SEND THE SECURITY COUNCIL A LETTER IN MARCH TRANSMITTING THE GA RES BUT NOT ASKING OR ADVISING SC ACTION.

4. ON NAMIBIA, PRESIDENT FACIO HAD BEEN VISITED LAST WEEK IN SAN JOSE BY SOUTH AFRICA'S ROVING AMBASSADOR BOTHA (NOT THE BOTHA FORMERLY IN NEW YORK). BOTHA HAD INVITED HIM TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA DURING HIS TENURE AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND SAID THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE READY TO ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON STEPS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA. FACIO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING SOUTH AFRICA BUT ASKED TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE PLANNED ANNOUNCEMENT BEFOREHAND. BOTHA SAID THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS PROMISED BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM FURTHER IN NY. ACCORDINGLY FACIO IS EXPECTING TO HEAR AGAIN FROM THEM.

5. FACIO SPOKE WITH APPRECIATION AND OBVIOUS SATISFACTION ABOUT HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON ON FEB 26 BY THE SECRETARY. HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY AND ASST SEC ROGERS HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM SEC'S MARCH 1 HOUSTON SPEECH ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. FACIO COMMENTED THAT SPEECH WAS HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND WOULD IN HIS OPINION BE WELL RECEIVED THROUGHOUT HEMISPHERE.
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